



Ernest L. Waites

August 12, 1932 - March 23, 2021

Ernest L. Waites, beloved husband of the late Shirley L. Waites passed away at the age of 88 on March 23, 2021 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel. He was taken off life support in the ICU surrounded by his loving family.

Ernest Lloyd Waites was born on August 12, 1932 in Laurel, Mississippi. He preceded in death by his father, Robert F. Waites, mother, Pearl Holifield and stepfather, Tim Holifield, and Otis Roy Waites (Brother), of Laurel, Leland Waites, (Brother) of Gulfport, Mississippi, Buddy Holifield, (stepbrother) and Hillman Holifield (stepbrother) of Laurel.

He was on the football team and graduated from Calhoun High School in 1950. Shortly after graduation, he met his future wife, Shirley L. Shaw. Later that year, Lloyd was drafted into the army. During his time in Korea, Lloyd and Shirley would write each other love letters. After he came back from Korea, Lloyd and Shirley eloped to Indiana on March 2, 1956. Lloyd and his wife had three wonderful children: Marilyn Waites Pastor, Jan L. Waites and Ernest G. Waites. Lloyd loved being a grandfather to his granddaughter, Hannah D. Waites and grandson, Brandon N. Burns. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ernest was a proud Korean Veteran. He had an eye for finding the beauty in

the little things, often taking pictures of past homes where he grew up and local memorial sites. He found delight in chit-chatting and making new friends. In his retirement he dedicated his time to food banks and Victims Against Crime.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Shirley and he went to be with her in heaven.

Services will be held at Memory Chapel at 2:00 pm followed by interment at Ellisville Cemetery. Visitation will be at Memory Chapel beginning at 1 p.m.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Ellisville Cemetery

Corner of Augusta Road and Hwy 29 South
Ellisville, MS 39437

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest L. Waites.* ”



March 26, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Marilyn Pastor - March 26, 2021 at 01:17 AM



“ *Marilyn Pastor lit a candle in memory of Ernest L. Waites* ”



Marilyn Pastor - March 26, 2021 at 01:17 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ernest L. Waites.* ”



March 25, 2021 at 11:44 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathies, Love to all. Billy Canace*

Billy Canace - March 25, 2021 at 08:25 AM

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“ *My last memory of your Dad was as a gracious host to us when Rick and I visited the year after we lost my Mom. He showed us the "southern hospitality" that my husband had heard so much about but had never experienced. Your Dad definitely had a great capacity to chat and had many interesting life stories to share.*

As a child, I remember him fondly in the circle of loving adults that were ever present during our visits to Laurel.

May he rest in peace.

Barbara Canace

Barbara Canace - March 24, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ernest L. Waites.*



March 24, 2021 at 07:31 PM